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SUBJ: EXPORT FINANCING GROUND SATELLITE STATIONS

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SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS PROMISED REPORT ON SEVEN STATIONS LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL ASAP. GOJ DID NOT NOTIFY OTHER MEMBERS ABOUT TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE STATIONS. REASON FOR FAILURE NOTIFY AS PROVIDED MOU WAS BUREAUCRATIC OVERSIGHT. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED FONOFF ON STATUS OF CASES POSSIBLY OMITTED FROM GOJ SUBMISSION TO OECD AND ON OTHER GROUND STATIONS REPORTEDLY BEING CONSIDERED. FONOFF, MATSUMOTO DEP CHIEF SECOND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, SAID THAT HE UNAWARE OF STATUS OF SEVEN CASES LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL, BUT UNDERTOOK CONTACT MITI AND PROVIDE RESPONSE ASAP. WHILE DISCUSSION WENT FORWARD ON OTHER MATTERS, ONE OF MATSUMOTO'S ASSISTANTS CALLED MITI. HE REPORTED BACK THAT MITI WOULD ATTEMPT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THREE GROUND SATELLITE STATIONS WHICH US UNDERSTANDS HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED, BUT DECLINED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FOUR STATIONS UNDER NEGOTIATION ON GROUNDS THAT NO CONTRACTS HAD AS YET BEEN SIGNED. EMBOFF TOOK  
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OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT IN FORCEFUL MANNER THAT POSITION OF MITI IN THIS RESPECT CONTRARY TO 1968 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. HE STRESSED THAT INTENT AND WORDING OF MOU WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADVANCE INFORMATION TO OTHER MEMBERS IN EVENT EIGHT YEAR REPAYMENT GUIDELINES WERE TO BE EXCEEDED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO COMPETE ON EQUAL BASIS. THUS, MITI POSITION OF NOT ADVISING OTHER MEMBERS UNTIL CONTRACT SIGNED WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH MOU IF FINANCING TERMS EXCEEDED EIGHT YEARS. MATSUMOTO CHECKED WORDING OF MOU AND AGREED WITH THIS POSITION. HE PROMISED REPORT ON ALL SEVEN STATIONS ASAP.

2. EMBOFF ASKED IF GOJ HAD ADVISED OTHER MEMBERS ABOUT TWO STATIONS, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN, ALREADY REPORTED TO OECD WHERE FINANCING TERMS HAD EXCEEDED THOSE SET FORTH IN MOU. MATSUMOTO STATED THAT GOJ HAD NOT NOTIFIED OTHER MEMBERS. WHEN ASKED THE REASON FOR THIS FAILURE TO OBSERVE MOU STATED THAT IT WAS CASE OF BUREAUCRATIC OVERSIGHT UNQTE. HE DID NOT OFFER ANY OTHER REASON FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY OTHER MEMBERS.

3. DURING MEETING MATSUMOTO REFERRED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO LIST OF JAPANESE GROUND SATELLITE STATIONS PREPARED FOR FONOFF BY MITI. ON REQUEST HE PROVIDED COPY TO EMBOFF. LIST INCLUDES ALL STATIONS FROM JANUARY 1968 THROUGH SEPT 1972. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE SEVEN STATIONS LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL. LIST CLEARLY SHOWS TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE STATIONS AS BEING PART OF AID PROGRAM WITH TERMS IN EXCESS OF THOSE CONTAINED IN MOU. COPIES OF THIS LIST BEING POUCHED.

4. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION MATSUMOTO STATED THAT FONOFF IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DESIRED INFORMATION FROM MITI. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, BUT CLEARLY WANTED SHIFT BLAME FOR PRESENT EMBARRASSING SITUATION TO MITI. SHOESMITH

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